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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DIRECTOR'S ORDER WILL REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON SR-62 DURING CONSTRUCTION

Morongo Valley – Caltrans has determined that during the ongoing construction on State Route 62 the speed limit will be reduced from 65 miles to 50 miles per hour. The reduced speed limit will take place from 600 feet north of East Street to the existing beginning of the 50-mile per hour speed zone near the Town of Yucca Valley (approximately 3,500 feet west of Fairway Drive).

A construction project began two months ago on SR-62 to realign, repave, add curb and gutter and widen shoulders to sections of SR-62 in Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley. Work hours for the project are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The reduced speed limit is applicable twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, until the completion of the project in winter 2007. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will be on site to insure that the new speed limit is enforced.

Appropriate signs with the new speed limit will be installed on or about Monday, March 27, 2006. The reduced speed will become effective at that time. When the project is complete the reduced speed limit signs will be removed and the previous 65-mph speed limit signs will be re-installed.

The speed reduction is a result of Caltrans concern for the safety of the traveling public and the workers in the construction zone. Each year in California, 25 times as many drivers die in highway work zones than Caltrans workers. It's your life you're saving.

ALWAYS SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!

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